

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A view programming system (~~PRA~~) capable of ~~a view~~ programming a viewing of a show ~~that which~~ a user wants to view, from among shows (~~Dev~~) composed of content data provided from a content data source, the view programming system comprising:

at least one show receiving apparatus (~~200~~) capable of receiving the shows (~~Dev~~); and
at least ~~one~~ a view programming apparatus (~~100~~) capable of holding, when the
programming of the viewing of the show is performed, programmed show information related to
the show for which the viewing is programmed ~~programming the show receiving apparatus (200)~~
~~to receive a show (Dev),~~

wherein the view programming apparatus transmits a first electronic mail including the
programmed show information prescribing the show, for which the viewing is programmed, to
be received, via a network by the show receiving apparatus, the show for which the viewing is
programmed having been programmed for viewing by the user,

wherein the show receiving apparatus (~~200~~) can receive receives the first electronic mail
via the network ~~an electronic mail (M) via a network (320), and~~

wherein the user selects whether to view or record the show, for which the viewing is
programmed, in accordance with the first electronic mail ~~the view programming apparatus (100)~~
~~transmits a first electronic mail (Ms) including programmed show information (IRP) prescribing~~
~~the show (Dev) to be received, via the network (320) to the show receiving apparatus (200).~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The view programming system (~~PRA~~) according to claim

1, wherein the view programming apparatus-~~(100)~~ comprises:

show information obtaining means-~~(132)~~ of obtaining show information-~~(EPG)~~ indicating a schedule on which the shows-~~(Dav)~~ are to be provided;

displaying means-~~(104)~~ of displaying a show table-~~(IBP)~~ based on the obtained show information (EPG);

view programming information generating means-~~(140, 113)~~ of generating the programmed show information-~~(IRP)~~ in response to a user's selection input of a show, for which the viewing is to be programmed, view-programmed based on the displayed show table-~~(IBP)~~;

first electronic mail generating means-~~(112b)~~ of generating the first electronic mail-~~(Ms)~~ in association with an electronic mail address assigned to the reception apparatus ~~(200)~~; and

first electronic mail transmitting means-~~(110)~~ of transmitting the first electronic mail-~~(Ms)~~ to the electronic mail address.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA)~~ according to claim 2, wherein the programmed show information-~~(IRP)~~ includes (i) at least information indicating a broadcast start time-~~(Tb)~~ and a broadcast an end time of the show for which the viewing is programmed, view-programmed show and (ii) a source from which the show, for which the viewing is programmed, view-programmed, (Dav) is obtained.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA)~~ according to claim 3, wherein the first electronic mail-~~(Ms)~~ is transmitted between (i) a show start notifying time-~~(Tm)~~, which is earlier by a predetermined time-~~(Pi)~~ than the broadcast start time-~~(Tb)~~, and (ii) the

broadcast start time-(Tb).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-(PRA) according to claim 4, wherein the first electronic mail-(Ms) further contains a predetermined message-(MMs).

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-(PRA2) according to claim 5, wherein

the view programming apparatus-(100b) further comprises:

first recording means-(114) of recording a received show-(Dav),

each the show receiving apparatus-(200b) comprises:

second electronic mail generating means-(203b) of generating a second electronic mail-(Mt) as a return mail with respect to the first electronic mail-(Ms); and

second electronic mail transmitting means-(201) of transmitting the second electronic mail-(Mt) to the view programming apparatus-(100), and

when the view programming apparatus-(100b) does not receive the second electronic mail-(Mt) by the broadcast start time-(Tb), the view programming apparatus-(100b) records the show, for which the viewing is programmed ~~view programmed show (IRP)~~, into the first recording means-(114).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA2)~~ according to claim 1, wherein the show receiving apparatus-~~(200b)~~ displays a the show, for which the viewing is programmed, ~~view-programmed show~~ based on the programmed show information-~~(IRP)~~.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA2)~~ according to claim 8, wherein the show receiving apparatus-~~(200b)~~ further comprises second recording means-~~(206)~~ of recording the received show-~~(Dav)~~, and records the show, for which the viewing is programmed, ~~a view-programmed show~~ into the second recording means-~~(206)~~ based on the programmed show information-~~(IRP)~~.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA2)~~ according to claim 1, wherein a password is set for each corresponding show receiving apparatus-~~(200b)~~, and a subject having the password of the show receiving apparatus-~~(200b)~~ is described in the first electronic mail-~~(Ms)~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA2)~~ according to claim 11 ~~claim 8~~, wherein the view programming apparatus-~~(100b)~~ determines that an electronic mail having the password is determined as the second electronic mail-~~(Mt)~~, among received electronic mails-~~(M)~~.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) The view programming system-~~(PRA2)~~ according to claim

8, wherein, when receiving the first electronic mail (~~Ms~~), the show receiving apparatus (~~200b~~) (i) displays the predetermined message (~~MMs~~), (ii) transmits the second electronic mail (~~Mt~~) when the show, for which the viewing is programmed ~~view programmed show~~, is not recorded in the view programming apparatus (~~100b~~), and (iii) does not transmit the second electronic mail (~~Mt~~) when the show, for which the viewing is programmed, ~~view programmed show~~ is recorded in the view programming apparatus (~~100b~~).

Claims 14-23 (Cancelled)